

URBAN DISTRICT OF NEWPORT PAGNELL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

FOR THE YEAR  
1964

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(The Medical Officer of Health is also M.O.H. for the Borough of Buckingham, the Urban Districts of Bletchley and Wolverton, the Rural Districts of Buckingham, Newport Pagnell and Winslow, Area Medical Officer for North Bucks. and Divisional School Medical Officer for the North Bucks. Division and Buckingham and Winslow Districts).

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J.F. Hopkin, A.M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Council Offices,  
60 High Street,  
NEWPORT PAGNELL.

14th May, 1965.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the  
Medical Officer of Health for the year 1964.

The corrected Birth Rate shows a most satisfactory rise  
over the previous year. It is now 6 points higher than the  
County Rate and 8 points higher than that for England and  
Wales.

The corrected Death Rate is very slightly less than  
last year and still remains lower than the rate for England  
and Wales. Again Heart Diseases, Pneumonia and Cancer were  
the principal causes of death accounting for 89 of the total  
of 103.

The Infantile Mortality Rate shows a rise. There were  
2 deaths in this group, both below the age of 4 weeks.

Again I have had another year of happy and helpful  
co-operation with your Clerk Mr. Hall, your Surveyor and Child  
Public Health Inspector, Mr. Hopkin, and their staffs.

I regret that this is my last Annual Report as I retire  
very shortly. I would like to thank your Public Health  
Committee for their courteous treatment at all times, and  
also to congratulate them on the great interest they have  
always shown in the health of the District.

I am, your obedient servant,

DANIEL H. WALDRON,

Medical Officer of Health.

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FOR THE YEAR 1964.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Area (in acres)	3,432	3,432
Population	5,260	5,000
Number of Inhabited houses.	1,945	1,925
Rateable Value.	£245,724	£234,777
Rate per pound.	9/10	9/10
Product of a ld. rate	£967	£931

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Legitimate (males)	55	41
" (females)	54	45
Illegitimate (males)	2	1
" (females)	1	3
Stillbirths	3	2
Birth rate per 1,000 pop.	26.6	20.5
" " " " " (Bucks)	20.1	19.2
" " " " " (England and Wales)	18.4	18.2

DEATHS

Males	40	50
Females	63	53
Death rate per 1,000 pop.	9.9	10.0
" " " " " (Bucks)	8.7	9.9
" " " " " (England and Wales)	11.3	12.2



## DEATHS (Cont'd).

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963.</u>
Maternal Mortality	NIL.	NIL.
Maternal Mortality (England & Wales).	0.37	0.28
Infantile Mortality (Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 births).	17.9	11.1
Infantile Mortality (Bucks.)	16.7	17.7
Infantile Mortality (England & Wales).	20.0	20.9

## PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>1964</u>			<u>1963.</u>		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculoses.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cancer	8	8	16	5	8	13
Diabetes	0	1	1	0	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	7	14	21	8	6	14
Heart Diseases	14	17	31	21	19	40
Other Circulatory Diseases	0	2	2	1	1	2
Influenza	0	0	0	2	0	2
Pneumonia	5	14	19	6	9	15
Bronchitis	2	3	5	3	1	4
Digestive Diseases	1	1	2	1	0	1
Nephritis	0	0	0	0	1	1
Accidents	0	1	1	1	1	2
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other causes	3	2	5	2	6	8
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SECTION B  
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. LABORATORY SERVICES

The bacteriological work of the District has been carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Northampton. Samples of sewage for chemical analysis were sent to the Analyst, Great Ouse River Board.

2. AMBULANCE SERVICES.

These services are administered by the County Council and are controlled in the North Bucks. Area from a station at Bletchley. In Newport Pagnell three ambulances are maintained, supplemented, if necessary by ambulances from other Districts.

3. NURSING FACILITIES

As in previous years the District Nurses carried on their very excellent and noble work.

4. CLINICS

Maternity and Child Welfare: This Clinic which is held at the Congregational School on the 1st and 3rd. Wednesdays of each month, is attended by a Medical Officer, Health Visitor, District Nurse and of course members of the Voluntary Committee. I should like to pay tribute to these ladies of the Voluntary Committee who give up their spare time to this work. During the year there were 1316 attendances by children.

5. HOME HELP

This service, administered by the County Council, has done very good work since its inception. During the year 52 cases were assisted.

6. ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

Organised by the Regional Hospital Board. This Clinic meets fortnightly on a Friday.

7. HOSPITALS

The following hospitals have served this area:-

Northampton General Hospital.

Bedford County Hospital.

Royal Bucks. Hospital, Aylesbury.

Tindal Hospital, Aylesbury.

Harborough Road Isolation Hospital.

Renny Lodge Hospital.

Westbury Maternity Home.

Creton Sanatorium.



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### 1. WATER SUPPLY.

The town has been adequately served with water by the Bucks. Water Board, who derive supplies from the Ash Hill deep well, which is a local source of lime stone origin, and from the Foxcote supply, which is obtained from catchment and River Ouse extraction. The water taken from the Ash Hill well is of extremely 'Hard' quality, whilst the Foxcote supply is much less 'Hard'. No additional Fluoridisation of the water is undertaken by the Board.

No restrictions on the use of the water supply were imposed during the year and the two samples taken by the Council were found to be bacteriologically very satisfactory.

Every dwelling in the town is served by a piped supply from the public supply mains, although 14 dwellings continue to be supplied by a standpipe and have no internal supply. The majority of these dwellings are contained in the Council's Schedule of dwellings unfit for human habitation.

#### 2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council's Public Health Committee have given considerable thought during the year to the sewage disposal problem and this consideration has been further complicated by reason of the suggested population growth of the town and also by the proposals of the Bucks. County Council to develop a New Town in the North Bucks. Area. The Council has now instructed its Consulting Engineers to design additions to the existing works to accommodate the drainage from a population of 6,000 persons including the present inhabitants.

Instructions have also been given to the Consulting Engineers to investigate locations for the construction of a new Sewage Works to provide for an ultimate population of 15,000 persons.

Difficulty is being experienced in the disposal of sludge and this problem is also being considered by the Council's Consulting Engineers and its Officers.

During the year the existing sewerage system has been extended to provide drainage facilities to private enterprise housing development at Walnut Close, Greenlands Close and Linford Avenue extension. All these extensions discharge into the Wolverton Road sewer which, since the opening of the M.1. Service Area has from time to time been overloaded and the Council should give its early consideration to the sewerage problem in this western area of the town.

The Council have also considered the replacement of its existing sewer beneath the High Street and a scheme has been prepared and it is expected that this work will be undertaken during the summer of 1965.

Owing to a proposal to develop land south of Chicheley Street by the construction of residential and industrial properties a scheme for the foul and surface water drainage of this area is being prepared. The proposed sewer will also enable the connection of 15 residential properties, at present served by cesspool drainage schemes, to be carried out and to provide sewerage facilities to further land areas for extended residential development north of that area.

There were no incidents of flooding in the area during the year and it can be remarked that during the dry weather periods of Summer and Winter, the level of water in the Rivers Ouse and Lovat were the lowest recorded.



### 3. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The Council has continued its collection of house refuse on a 'Back Door' weekly interval arrangement, using in the majority of cases the skip system. The Council are prepared to adopt the bag system and a number of private properties have now adopted this method of house storage of refuse. All new Council houses and other Council dwellings are being supplied with paper bag holders as the existing bin requires replacement.

Every domestic property, including farm houses, is now served with a weekly collection service and trade refuse is collected as required from business and industrial undertakings. The trade refuse from the M.1 Service Area continues to be collected by the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cubic yard bulk containers conveyed by Shelvoke and Drewry fore and aft refuse freighter.

The disposal system is by means of semi-controlled tipping at the Willen Road site adjoining the existing sewage works. Tipping is carried out on open land which was formerly allotment gardens and whilst there is accommodation for the accumulation of refuse for several years at the present rate of tipping, it is suggested that with the growth of the town in mind the Council should consider its Refuse Disposal arrangements in terms of its future policy.

## SECTION D - HOUSING ACT.

During the year no Council housing development took place although it was expected that a scheme for the construction of 57 dwellings (Whitethorns Estate) would commence during September or October 1964. This target however, was not achieved and it is expected that work will now commence about April, 1965. During the year the Council have acquired 15 unfit houses in Tickford Street with a view to the clearance of the site and its redevelopment as a small estate of Old Persons bungalow dwellings. A further 10 dwellings were closed, or undertaking not to relet obtained, owing to their unfitness for housing purposes. From a private enterprise point of view the land areas available in the Town Plan for residential development are almost exhausted and the demand for housing accommodation still remains far from satisfied but with the County Council's proposals for the construction of a new town or city in the North Bucks. area and the proposals for the population growth of the existing town still under consideration, it would appear that no immediate solution to the difficulty can be expected. 51 dwellings were completed by private enterprise construction during the year.

Financial grant was made by the Council in respect of 8 Standard Grant schemes and 12 Improvement Grant proposals.

Under the Housing Act 1964, Part II, the Council have decided that an area of residential properties, 95 in number, shall be surveyed with a view to the improvement of the dwellings in the area by the provision of the Standard Housing Amenities. The survey was proceeding at the end of the year.



## SECTION E

### 1. General.

#### Highway Scavenging.

The district highways of the town continue to be scavenged by street sweeper and orderly hand truck and this method is also used in regard to the classified highways scavenged by the Urban District on behalf of the County Council. It is hoped that the Council will consider the adoption of mechanical sweeping during the coming year.

### 2. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963.

At the end of the year there were 75 premises registered with the Council in respect of the Act and of these 52 had been inspected in a detailed manner.

The analysis of persons employed in these premises were as follows:-

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises</u>	<u>Persons Employed.</u>
Offices.	14	85
Shops.	50	198
Warehouses.	2	17
Catering Establishments *	5	288
Fuel Storage Depots.	4	17
	—	—
Total	75	595
	—	—

Total Males 220. Total Females 375.

\* Includes Motorway Service Area.

During the inspections a total of 234 faults were observed and the owners attention called to these items. In a number of cases these could not be considered as contraventions in that the Act provides for a delayed commencement of operation of certain sections.

### 3. FACTORIES ACT 1961.

During the year three deletions of factory registration took place and two additional registrations were made. The total registrations are now 24 premises.

Considerable additions were made during the year to the factory occupied by Aston Martin Lagonda Limited.

Plans for a new factory to be situated east of Tickford Street have been submitted and approved by the Council and preliminary discussions regarding additional factory space to be constructed at Messrs. Sogenique Services have taken place.

A rebuilding proposal for part of the Parchment Works, Caldecote Street is scheduled to commence during early 1965. In all cases the Council's requirement from a Factory Act point of view are considered at plan stage and during the process of construction.

Existing factory premises have been inspected and there is little of interest to report in this regard.

### 4. FOOD HYGIENE ETC.

A considerable number of inspections have been made in an endeavour to ensure that in all cases the foodstuffs are supplied to the Townsfolk in a clean and wholesome condition. It is generally felt that the local food distributors have this aspect of their duty very much in



mind but it is felt that in certain cases the age and layout of the premises renders this most difficult.

In a number of cases where food in a stale or unwholesome condition has been sold, or exposed for sale, it is found that systems of stock rotation have broken down occasionally, owing to the use of untrained or careless staff and the want of adequate supervision. In all cases both the staff and management concerned have been warned of the offence where found and it is pleasing to note that in the past four years, no second offence has been notified or found at an establishment in which a previous complaint was found.

5. SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No slaughterhouses exist in the district and the local meat supplies continue to be obtained from, Bedford, Northampton and Luton.

6. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS.

During the year 2,092 surveys of property were carried out in the district and of these 96 properties were treated for rat infestation and 2 for mice. This work is undertaken by the North Bucks. Area Rodent Committee on behalf of the Council.

7. UNSOUND FOODS

During the year the food traders of the town have been most co-operative with my Department and they have indicated a sincere desire not to sell to the public any unsound food. The following unsound foodstuffs have been surrendered by the traders and have been disposed of by the Public Health Department.

Canned Vegetables

60lbs. 9 ozs.

Canned Fruit

37lbs. 11ozs.

Meat &  
Meat Products.

42 lbs. 7 ozs.

Fish  
56lbs. 9 ozs.

8. PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

During 1964 four samples of water were taken from the Swimming Pool; all proved to be very satisfactory.

Although the weather conditions during the year were not favourable, 28,087 swimmers and 5,506 spectators, a total of 33,593 persons took advantage of the facility.

No action was taken by the Council in agreeing to the heating and roofing over the Pool.



## SECTION F

### 1. GENERAL.

This was a very good year as regards Infectious Diseases. Only 9 cases were notified as against 145 in 1963.

### 2. NOTIFICATIONS

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Measles.	6	78
Peurperal Pyrexia.	0	2
Dysentery.	0	64
Typhoid.	0	2
Whooping Cough.	1	0

### 3. TUBERCULOSIS.

Two cases were notified during the year, but it is satisfactory to report that there were no deaths.

### 4. CANCER.

This disease accounted for 16 deaths during the year compared with 13 in 1963. 4 of these were from cancer of the lung.

D.H. WALDRON,

Medical Officer of Health.





Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act 1937 - 1959

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Proscuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section, 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities /	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	24	41	6	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority / (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	15	NIL	NIL
TOTAL....	27	56	6	NIL

2 - Cases in which defects were found  
(Where defects have been discovered on the premises on  
2, 3 or more separate occasions, they have been treated as  
two, three or more "cases").

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork.

(Section 110 & 111)

IN THE DISTRICT THERE WERE NO  
REGISTERED OUTWORKERS DURING  
1964.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate vent- ilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drain- age of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Cons. (S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	7	7	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7	7	1	-	-